

Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act”; H.R. 722, the “Miracle Mountain Designation Act”; H.R. 877, the “Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act”; H.R. 2642, the “Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”; H.R. 3742, the “Recovering America’s Wildlife Act of 2019”; H.R. 3977, the “Justice for Native Survivors of Sexual Violence Act”; H.R. 4479, the “Disaster Recovery Workforce Act”; H.R. 4957, the “Native American Child Protection Act”; and S. 209, the “PROGRESS for Indian Tribes Act”. S. 209, H.R. 3977, H.R. 877, and H.R. 722 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 4957, H.R. 4479, H.R. 3742, H.R. 2642, and H.R. 537 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **EXPERTS NEEDED: OPTIONS FOR IMPROVED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVICE FOR CONGRESS**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Experts Needed: Options for Improved Science and Technology Advice for Congress”. Testimony was heard from Tim Persons, Chief Scientist and Managing Director, Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

#### **WHERE’S MY STUFF? EXAMINING THE ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND SOCIETAL IMPACTS OF FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit; and Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a joint hearing entitled “Where’s My Stuff? Examining the Economic, Environmental, and Societal Impacts of Freight Transportation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **THE STATUS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS’ FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a joint hearing entitled “The Status of the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Financial Management Business Transformation”. Testimony was heard from Jon J. Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and

Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4920, the “Department of Veterans Affairs Contracting Preference Consistency Act”; and H.R. 3495, the “Improve Well-Being for Veterans Act”. H.R. 3495 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4920 was ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **RULES AND PROCEDURES IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: A LOOK AT REFORM EFFORTS AND STATE BEST PRACTICES**

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Rules and Procedures in the U.S. House of Representatives: A Look at Reform Efforts and State Best Practices”. Testimony was heard from Christopher M. Davis, Analyst on Congress and the Legislative Process, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **PUBLIC DIPLOMACY, DEMOCRACY, AND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine public diplomacy, democracy, and global leadership, after receiving testimony from Lora Berg, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Cordell Carter, II, Aspen Institute, and Stacie Walters Fujii, American Council of Young Political Leaders, all of Washington, D.C.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

*Committee on Financial Services,* Task Force on Artificial Intelligence, hearing entitled “Robots on Wall Street: The Impact of AI on Capital Markets and Jobs in the Financial Services Industry”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, December 9

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, December 6

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of H.R. 4—Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019. Consideration of H. Res. 326—Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding United States efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a negotiated two-state solution.

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